A STATEMENT THAT SHE HAS SO IN-FORMED GERMANY.

INCREASING COMPLICATIONS OVER THE SIMON-

FICED IF JAPAN YIELDS TO RUSSIA-SERIOUS SITUATION IN FORMOSA.

Paris, May 5 .- The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Temps" says that Japan, in her reply to the joint protest, consented to abandon Liaothe reply, the correspondent asserts, and the exchanges of opinion continue.

The European edition of "The Herald" learns from its Berlin correspondent that Russia has informed Germany she will declare war in case Japan insists upon the Simonoseki treaty.

The "Herald" also learns from its Tokio correspondent that Russia's attitude has created in- ing purposes. It was not known that any was tense feeling in Japan. The tenor of the reply to the joint protest is firm. Russian ships are leaving Japanese ports for Viadivostock. The press is in a state of suspense, owing to the serious nat- the explosion, or if there was any one in the sign, the correspondent says, if allowed to do so, Should Russia force a war, Japan would hope for an alliance with England.

London, May 5 .- "The Times" correspondent in

The fact that the Emperor has ratified the treaty is known to only a few persons. No edict has been issued. Prince Kung urged the ratification. Many Chinese would have preferred that the Japanese reach Feking, as the Government then would have been compelled to initiate re-Now there is small chance of any change

Dispatches from Hong Kong say that the situation in Formosa is most serious. British and German marines have been landed at Anping to protect the foreigners and British sallors, and armed launches are patrolling Takau Harbor. The black flags cause much anxiety. They sel-dom have been more threatening in recent years. Considerable apprehension is felt in Hong Kang as regards the differences between Russia and

The "Times" correspondent in Hong Kong con-The "Times" correspondent in Hong Kong confirms the reports of disturbances in Formosa. The Governor says the session of the island to the Japanese would produce rebellion. He has lost control of the soldiers and the foreigners must take measures to insure their own safety. H. M. S. Spartan is preparing to land a force of bluejackets at Tamsul. The Black Flag leader in the South will appeal to his followers to prevent the Japanese from landing.

"The Standard's" Berlin correspondent says: Although Japan's first reply to the joint protest was unsatisfactory, the present state of the negotiations promises an amicable agreement. negotiations promises an amicable agreement. The details are secret, but it seems that Russia will be satisfied if she can get a large silce of Southeast Manchuria, containing one or more iesfree harbors, while Japan will be content if she get an island or more besides an increased indemnity. Should the Japanese war party persist in not altering the treaty, Premier Count Ito probably will be sacrificed. The Powers certainly will insure China's giving Japan an ample guarantee for the indemnity granted in lieu of territory.

QUIET IN THE FLAT-TOP REGION.

THE MEETING OF MINERS A FAILURE-TROOPS HELD IN READINESS.

Bluefield, W. Va., May 5.-The much-advertised meeting of striking miners at Pocahontas was al-most a fizzle. The crowd fell much short of what was expected. There were about 3,000 persons present. Lawless was the principal speaker. Two colored men held an umbreila over his head while he made an appeal to the employes of the Southwest Virginia Company to join the United Mine Workers. military and the authorities were denounced Two or three colored speakers attacked the commissary system in the coal fields. The Southwest Company had representatives at the meeting, and they say that only eight of their men gave their names to the United Mine Workers. The labor leaders say they got about one-third of the company's men and that they will come out to-morrow or next

The meeting was held on the West Virginia side. One will be held in Pocahontas to-morrow night. Adjutant-General Holly, of West Virginia, is here at the instance of Governor McCorkle, to

secretain what the situation is. While the meeting to-day, developed nothing, the danger is not ever, as the Southwest Company is determined to keep its plant running, and there is talk of the Houston, Crozer, Upiand and Pulaski mines being started. It is ceruain that the strikers will not be allowed to interfere with the non-union men who wish to work.

Richmond, Va., May 5.—Governor O'Ferrall's advices from Pocahonias late this evening are that there has been no outbreak so far among the miners, who are holding their assemblles use over the West Virginia line. The Virginia troops are camped at Graham, ready to move at a moment shotice, and number nearly 350 men. A thousand or 1200 additional troops could be taken to the scene within a few hours. All the military in the State are under orders to be ready to move the moment they are required. The Governor is in constant communication with the officer in command at Pocahonias, whose orders are to preserve the peace at all hazards.

A NORTHWESTERN FIRM GOES DOWN.

LIABILITIES, \$800,000.

St. Cloud, Minn., May 5.—N. P. Clarke & Co.'s assignment, papers in which were filed five minutes before the clerk's office closed last evening, is the fensation of the hour here. The liabilities will reach \$80,000, and may touch storogon. The value of the sensation of the hour here. The Habilities will reach sensation of the hour here. The Habilities will reach \$80,000, and may reach \$1,000,000. The value of the assets, given at \$1,200,000, is problematical. The firm consists of N. P. Clarke, of St. Cloud, and his nephew Fred H. Clarke, of Minneapolis, whose interest is nominal. The place of business of the firm is in Minneapolis, where it has mills. It has until lately been regarded as one of the wealthiest in the State, N. P. Clarke's extensive holdings in pine lands and other property giving it unlimited credit, but for the last year, beginning with the financial crisis, the firm has with difficulty maintained its crisis, the firm has with difficulty maintained its credit. N. P. Clarke is one of the oldest settlers crisis, the firm has with difficulty credit. N. P. Clarke is one of the oldest settlers here. He owns the Bank of Clarke & McClure, and is also the trustee of the McClure estate, one of the richest in Minnesota outside of the Twin Cities. The failure, however, does not affect the McClure estate. N. P. Clarke has been at work for the last few months in securing his personal creditors, especially the depositors in his bank. His private bank collected deposits aggregating \$120,000.

All the depositors, it is now learned, hold deeds to real estate in Stearns, Benton and Sherburne counties in lieu of their certificates of deposit, and during the last week some 200 deeds and mortgages have been placed on record in these counties. Mr. Clarke was the owner of the finest stud of Clydesdaie horses in the world, and is known to the blooded-stock dealers all over the country. He is the owner of Prince Patrick and Lady McGregor, who captured the world's champlonship medals as the best Clydesdale stallion and mare at the World's Columbian Exhibition. The horses have now been mortgaged to secure large depositors in the bank.

WRECK CAUSED BY A WILD ENGINE

Iron Mountain and Southern road, near Clarks-ville, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and in the ensuing wreck thirteen passengers were injured, none, however, fatally. Their names are:

LLOYD, A.
MENDAUGH, V. M.
RUSSELLA, M. C.
WIEMAN, John.
Infant child of John Brashear
Infant child of Mrs. Briwon.

The accident was due to the carelessness of the engineer of a freight train. He was to meet the passenger train at Clarksville, and was under orders to sidetrack there. Leaving his train on the main track, however, he stepped into the telegraph office to make inquiries as to the movements of the passenger train. A moment after his disappearance the fireman stepped off to get a drink of water, and while the engine was thus deserted the throttle flew open and the iron monster being detached from the impeding cars started off up the track at full speed. It met the passenger train but a short distance out of Clarksville. The shock of the collision was terrific. Hoth engines were demoished and the coaches of the passenger train badly damaged. Relief was at once sent from clarksville and those of the injured who were clarksville and those of the injured who were most seriously hurt were taken there to receive medical attention.

RUSSIA MAY DECLARE WAR. MOUNT VERNON STARTLED.

AN EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE SHAKES HOUSES AND BREAKS WINDOWS.

NO ONE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INJURED. THE MATERIAL HAD BEEN INTENDED FOR USE IN BLASTING AND WAS STORED IN A SHANTY IN THE EASTERN PART

OF THE CITY.

Shortly before midnight Saturday night the eastern part of Mount Vernon was badly shaken Tong, excepting Port Arthur. The protesting by an explosion of dynamite. Windows for three Powers have not reached an agreement regarding or four blocks about the place where the explosion occurred were broken or cracked, houres were shaken, and considerable alarm was caused in the city, as the noise could be plainly heard.

The explosion occurred in a small tool shanty on the Joseph Wood place. This property is being improved and cut into lots. New streets are being opened, and dynamite is used for blaststored on the property. The shanty was blown it to small pieces by the explosion, and a big hole was torn in the ground. No one was injured by ure of the situation. Premier Count Ito will re- shanty at the time, the pieces of the body have

It is against the city ordinances to store explosives within the city lines except in thinly settled sections, and then only by permission of the police. The police did not know there was dynamite in the shanty, and are investigating the matter. It is thought there were about lifty pounds of the explosive, and the theory of the police is that it was set off by means of a slow o as to give plenty of time to get away from the

so as to give plenty of time to get away from the neighborhood.

Chief of Police Foley took personal charge of the case, and will summon Mr. Wood and his foreman before him. Their workmen will also be called in the morning. Neither Mr. Wood or the foreman could be found yesterday, as both were out of town. It is thought possible by some that the dynamite was carried there by some one wishing to wreck the tools stored in the sharty. This view of the case Chief Foley will investigate. There have been a number of Italians discharged from the works recently, and they have been hanging about the city. If it was one of them who set off the dynamite, he will be hard to catch, as he has doubtless gone to New-York and is leet to the police in one of the Italian settlements there.

STRUCK WITH A BASEBALL BAT.

A QUARREL WHICH MAY RESULT IN THE DEATH OF "GUS" FLOCKBERT, OF NO. 650 EAGLE-AVE.

William Zennell, of No. 501 East Nineteenth-st., was held without ball by Justice Welde at the Harlem Police Court yesterday on a charge of felonious assault. The police were reticent about the case. but admitted that Zennell had struck "Gus" Flockbert, twenty-one years old, of No. 650 Eagle-ave. on the head with a baseball bat on Saturday morn ing, in Second-ave. The two men and some friends had met at One-hundred-and-nineteenth-st., intening, baseball and other sports. Zennell happened to have the ball club in his hand when Plockhert to have the ball club in his hand when Flockbert and Sullivan, both the worse for liquor, stopped and got into an angry discussion. Zennell is said to have an excellent reputation, while Flockbert, it is alleged, is a hard drinker.

Flockbert lay all day unconscions at the Harlem Hospital, where he was taken. The surgeon, Dr. Oswald, who was on the ambulance which went to him, and the bouse staff, worked over him, but late in the afternoon it was said he would probably die.

STRUCK ON THE ROCKAWAY SHOALS.

A NEW-YORK PILOT-BOAT DESERTED BY HER

CREW IS FLOATED BY LIFE-SAVERS. The pilot-boat Richard K. Fox, No. 8, of the New-York fleet, went ashore at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the Rockaway shoais. heavy fog hung over the ocean and the Long Island shore at the time. The Fox left Stapleton, S. I., at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the cruising grounds. The weather became thick as she passed the Narrows. The wind was light and the sea was comparatively smooth.

PLIGHT OF A PRETTY INDIAN MAIDEN.

Wichita, Kan., May 5.—Rosz Whiteface, a pretty young Indian maiden, now a pupil of the Caddo Indian School, has been sold by her father to her sister's husband for fifteen ponies. The Indian whose wife she is to become is seventy years old, and siready has other wives. She is but seventeen years old. The girl has appealed to Professor Montgomery, of the Caddo Indian School, to save her from such a fate, and he is exerting every energy to assist her. He has made an appeal to the citizens of El Reno, and a popular subscription is being taken up in order to raise a sufficient sum to pay her travelling expenses to Washington, where she desires to go that she may make a personal appeal to President Cleveland. The girl's father is inexorable, and her aged lover insists upon the contract being carried out.

Orion, Ill., May 5.-The State bank of this place was robbed by three experts early yesterday morn was robbed by three experts early yesterday morning and about \$5.000 in gold and bills taken. The vault was broken open and the small safe inside of it was then blown open with nitro-glycerine. After securing the booty the robbers boarded a Rock Island and Peorla train and rode as far as Galva, where all trace of them has been lost. It is supposed they started east from Galva for Chicago and all intermediate stations have been asked to look out for them.

EFFORTS TO COMBINE ABANDONED.

Cleveland, May 5.-A man familiar with the affairs

IT MAY HAVE BEEN MURDER.

RECOVERY OF THE BODY OF WILLIAM J. CLEERE, MISSING SINCE MARCH 20.

HE WAS LAST SEEN TALKING WITH TWO ROUGH

LOOKING MEN, AND HIS FRIENDS THINK HE WAS KILLED BY THEM-HIS

MONEY AND WATCH TAKEN. The body of William J. Cleere, the receiving clerk at the New-York ferryhouse of the Erle Railroad, who had been missing since March 29, was found floating in the North River, just inside the ferry slip, at noon yesterday, by Policeman John Culhane, of the steamboat squad. The body had evidently been in the water some time, but the head and shoulders still showed unmistakable marks of violence, and as the gold watch and chain and \$2) in bills which Cleare had in his possession when he disappeared were missing, his friends emphatically assert that he was murdered. They have communicated some suspicious facts already within their knowledge to the police, and a strict investigation is being made.

Cleere was a sober, industrious man, rarely drank, and, therefore, when he my teriously disappeared, his friends feared at on that he had met with foul play. He left home as usual on that day, and put in the whole of his working time at the Eric ferryhouse, as he had done every day for the last lifteen years. As and, with a fellow-clerk named Cox, walked up Duane st. to Franklin and Greenwich. He and his companion parted at the foot of the Ninth-ave. elevated stairs at 620 p. m., Cleere watking away along Greenwichest. A truckman who knew Clears sight remembers having seen him the same body was found yesterday.

O'Hearn and the dead man's two sons hastened to Pier 20 yesterday, in the slip next to which the body was found, and examined it closely. It was easily recognized by the clothes and by a small gold badge in the shape of a flaure 'T' attached to the lapel of the waistcoat, and the Volunteer Fireman's badge. The only contents of

respects to the recent Gordon-Brown tragedy in Louisville, Ky., was enacted here to-day at 11:30 o'clock. There were three persons concerned in the affair. An injured husband caught his erring wife with another man. Simultar cously the men drew pistols, a number of shots were exchanged, and in a minute one man lay on the hed gasping, from a minute one man lay on the bed gasping, from mortal wounds, and the other was on his way to mortal wounds, and the other was on his way to the police station in charge of an officer. The woman in the case was not hurt. The three actors in the tragedy were Dr. Samuel P. Swain and wife, and Dr. Emile Hirart, all of Plaquemine, La. Dr. Hirart and Mrs. Swain arrived here on Friday and registered at a house at Canal and Liberty sts., as C. J. Smith and wife. They remained in their room, scarcely leaving it for longer than half an hour at a time. This morning Dr. Swain, who had followed his wife from Plaquemine, entered the place by a sidedoor and made his way to the room occupied by the pair. He drew his pistol and fired five shots, while the man who was killed fired six shots, none of them hitting Dr. Swain. The latter immediately ran out of the house right into the arms of a police-ion man, who was attracted by the noise of the fring. The doctor was placed under arrest and carried to the police station. Dr. Hirart died soon after being shot.

CORINTO IS EVACUATED.

ENGLISH SHIPS SAIL AWAY.

WITHIN TWO WEEKS NICARAGUA WILL PAY HER "SMART MONEY" IN LONDON.

THERE STILL REMAIN SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS OF DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO

PENDING THE SETTLEMENT OF

Washington, May 5 .- Corinto is once more in the possession of Nicaragua. The preliminary neevening, and shortly afterward the marines began re-embarking; the vessels weighed anchor, and be fore midnight had left the roadstead. Dispatches confirming this news were received to-day by Dr. Guzman, the Nicaraguan Minister in Washington,

and by the State Department. The first condi-

tions of Lord Kimberley's ultimatum of February 26, therefore, have been compiled with. It will not do, however, to assume that the payment of the \$77,500 "smart money" by Nicaragua puts an and to her controversy with Great Britain. On the contrary, the more important ques tions growing out of Nicaragua's interpretation of the Treaty of Managua, the seizure of the Mosquite Reservation and the damage sustained or alleged to have been sustained by Her Majesty's saloonkeeper and pro-consul, Mr. Hatch-not to mention his numerous friends who countenanced looking men, with whom he was loughing and and assisted in his political enterprises—are still talking. He was not heard of again until his subjects of adjudication and settlement. And no one who has followed the policy of Great Britain of keeping grievances conveniently on tap imagines for a single moment that Lord Kimberley

will permit the disputed points to be settled in too

would be equally surprising if it had not accepted in good faith so flimsy and Pickwickian

position and the line of conduct she is pledged to pursue, it is necessary only to reproduce the closing paragraph of Lord Kimberley's ultimatum, and to hear in mind that at the present writing ex-Chief Clarence is a guest of the Beitish Government at Kingston, Jamaica, where he draws an allowance of \$30 a day for keeping his claim alive. That paragraph said:

Chicago, May 5.—Charles W. Fish, the bareback rider, died early this morning at his boardinghouse on Wabash-ave, of blood poisoning. He had been ill for some time.

have been raging throughout Elk County to-day. The largest damage so far reported was in the town of Glen Hazel. A forest fire was discovered in the vicinity of the town about 2 o'clock this morning, and the flames rapidly encroached on the out-skirts of the village. Help was asked, and sent lock logs, 1,200 feet of the Eric Railway track, six-teen cars and six dwelling-houses were burned. The fire was finally got under control in Gien Hazel, but it is still burning in the woods. The estimated loss by to-day's conflagration is \$125,000.

JUSTICE JACKSON ON DECK. HANGING IN THE BALANCE.

HE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON READY TO HEAR THE INCOME-TAX ARGUMENT.

THE WHOLE CASE WILL BE REOPENED-TWO

COUNSEL TO BE HEARD ON EACH SIDE WITHOUT TIME LIMIT.

Washington, May 5 .- Justice Jackson, of the Supreme Court of the United States, arrived in Washington this morning from his home, Belle Mead, Tenn., to hear the reargument of the income-tax cases. He made the trip with little fatigue, owing to the arrangements made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad officials. The sleeping-car on the train leaving Nashville at 6:50 o'clock Saturday morning was run out to Belle Mead the night before, so that the Justice was enabled to secure a good night's rest before

Justice Jackson found the change in temperature from Nashville to Washington rather pleasant, although to residents of this city the heat to-day was uncomfortable. The Justice looks well, although he has lost considerable in weight since he left Washington last winter. During the afternoon and evening Chief Justice

Fuller and several other members of the court

called upon Justice Jackson to express their pleasure at his return. In the course of their conversation the programme of the income tax rehearing was outlined. The whole case will be gone into, and the rehearing will include the constitutionality of the tax on rents and State and municipal bonds, as well as on the points on which the court divided equally on April 8. After the argument has been finished, Justice Jackson will join in the conference as to the decision of the court, and on the determination of this question will return to Nashville. He expected to be in Washington only about a week, probably less. From this fact, although, of course, there has been no expression of opinion given by him on Volunteer Fireman's badge. The only contents of the pockets were a tenecht piece, an old pair of the pockets were a tenecht piece, an old pair of the pockets were a tenecht piece, and a number of old leiters rendered underliperable.

Officern told reporters there that Cleere had been in the employ of the Eric Ratread for more than fifteen years, and had many friends, both in and out of the company's service. Besides being an old volunteer fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, between the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, between the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Prepint and Passenger Association of the Association of the Propint and Passenger Association of the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, between the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, between the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, between the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, between the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Richard Fireman and a member of the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman's Association of the Littled Workmen, but the Volunteer Fireman' the subject, it has been inferred that the re-

A NOTED INDIANA WILL CASE DRAWING TO A CLOSE AT EICHMOND.

Indianapolis, May 5 (Special).—An important trial is drawing to a close at Richmond, Ind. The suit is one to set aside the will of James L. Morrison, in which is involved an estate valued at about threequarters of a million dollars. The case has been on trial for four months, during which time there have been several interruptions on account of the illness of jurors or attorneys. The health of Congressman Henry U. Johnson, one of the counsel for the defence, has been materially affected, and he will make his argument to the jury seated. Rob-ert Morrison, father of the testator whose will is

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MRS. PARNELL'S CONDITION. Bordentown, N. J., May 5 .- Mrs. Parnell's condition

While the authorities are running down every clew in an endeavor to establish the identity of Mrs. Parnell's assailant, special attention is being paid to the person at first suspected. It is hoped that with a little more improvement in the patient's mind it will be possible to take some definite action in the case.

eighteen years old, son of John Hulsheart, a restaurant keeper, was drowned to-day while fishrestaurant keeper, was drowned to-day while fish-ing in Carasaljo Lake, near this place. He was standing on the dam and lost his balance and fell twenty feet to the water. He struck among some rocks and, it is thought, was rendered unconscious. He rolled out into deep water and sank. His body was recovered.

FATE OF THREE CITY BILLS.

THE POLICE MEASURES AND GREATER NEW-YORK.

AWAITING MAYOR STRONG'S DECISION ON THE BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION-GREAT POWER PRO-POSED FOR SUPERINTENDENT BYRNES-

CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITIES IN DANGER OF DEFEAT.

[FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, May 5.-Three bills relating to New-York City which have not become laws, but which, if they do become laws, will modify its charter in many important respects, are now hanging, as it were, in the air, and the members of the Legislature are beginning to speculate as to their fate. These measures are the Bipartisan Police bill and the Supplemental Police bill, now in Mayor Strong's hands, and the Greater New-York bill, which latter measure has not yet passed the Legislature. And the measure which will have a great influence upon the future development of "Greater New-York" is in the hands of Mayor Strong and of

NEW-YORK CITY POLICE LEGISLATION.

Mayor Schleren-namely, the East River Bridge

Mayor Strong has been urged by the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst and others to veto the Bipartisan Police bill, and has been advised by Lieutenant-Governor Saxton and the leading Republicans in the Legislature to sign it. Governor Morton, it is understood, also has advised Mayor Strong to sign the act. Yet, if Mayor Strong should veto the measure, it is probable that the Legislature would pass it over his veto, since the Republicans are unanimously in favor of the bipartisan principle. The only branch of the Legislature that it might not pass would be the Senate; but even in that body there is every indication that the measure would once more pass,

People here are curious as to the probable fate of the legislation known as the Supplemental Police bill at the hands of Mayor Strong. This bill greatly enlarges the powers of Thomas F. Byrnes, the Superintendent of Police, making him in a large measure independent of the Board of Police.

MR. PLATT AND SUPERINTENDENT BYRNES. There has been some suspicion here, whether justifiel or not cannot now be known, that Mr. Platt and Superintendent Byrnes were the originators of and Superintendent Byrnes were the originators of this measure, and that its design has been to preserve Mr. Platt's grip upon the Police Department, even though there should be a Board of Police Inclined to be independent of him and his counsels. The Board of Police, it is now apparent, will have as its members Frederick D. Grant, Theodore Rooseveit, Avery D. Andrews and Andrew D. Parker. They may assume office to-morrow. Mayor Strong can then determine whether or not he desires Superintendent Byrnes or any other superintendent to be largely independent of them, and only removable upon charges which may be reviewed by a court. At present, as for many years past, the Board of Police presides at trials of policemen charged with infractions of discipline or accused by citizens of any offence which may be considered an infraction of discipline. This duty is transferred to a court, whose members are to be appointed by the Superintendent. The proposed law says that charges made or preferred against any member of the ponce force below the rank of the Superintendent shall be tried "before a court consisting of not less than three nor more than five officers of the force, of the rank of sergeant, capain or inspector, to be called a police trial court." The Board of Police merely makes, adopts and enforces the rules and regulations for the trial of cases before these police trial courts. this measure, and that its design has been to pre-

The large powers given to the Superintendent of from the suggested law now before Mayor Strong:

As many police trial courts may be in session as are necessary to dispose of all charges promptly. Each court shall only hear such charges as the Superintendent or Chief of Police sends to it, or convenes it to hear, and after their disposition and determination shall be disbanded. No member or members of the police force, except as provided in this chapter, shall be lined, reprimended, removed, suspended or dismissed from the police force until written charges shall be made or preferred against him or them, nor until such charges shall have been examined, heard and investigated before a police trial court, convened by the order of the Superintendent or Chief of Police, upon such reasonable notice to the member or members charged, and in such manner, or procedure or investigation as said lioard of Police may or shall, by rules and regulations, from time to time prescribe, provided, however, that any member of the police force who is FIGURE OF THE TORNADO BURIED.

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bill to such a late hour in the session of the Legislature as the present one for the purpose of giving ample opportunity to the opposition to that measure to gather forces against it. Ordinarily a Senator does not desire the defeat of his own bill, but it is possible that political considerations may have brought Senator Lexow into that state of mind. Jacob Worth is known to be opposed to the Greater New-York bill, believing it would decrease his political importance as the Platt sub-boost in Brooklyn. It is also known that Worth has acquired a large influence over Mr. Platt, and the latter has always possessed a great influence over Senator Lexow. There is reason, therefore, for the suspicion that Lexow, under orders from Platt, is not giving the Greater New-York bill a genuine support.

The Senate and the Assembly will vote this week upon the Greater New-York bill, and then the public can determine the sincerity of Senator Lexow's support of the measure. It simply provides for a commission to draw up a charter for the Greater New-York Commission will consist of Andrew H. Green, president of the present Greater New-York Commission, Mayor Strong, of New-York Mayor Schieren, of Brooklyn; Mayor Sanford, of Long Island City; State Engineer Adams, Attorney-General Hancock and nine other persons to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate.

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If the Legislature should adjourn this week, it would seem to be impossible to obtain answers in time from Mayors Strong, Schieren and Sanford approving of the measure for the Senate to act with the Governor in appointing the nine members of the new Greater New-York Commission. Possibly Lexow, in Mr. Platt's interest, has deferred acting upon the bill until late in the session with the design of throwing into Governor Morton's hands, unchecked by the Senate, the appointment of the majority of the members of the commission. This policy, however, puts the bill in peril, since if it should be vetoed by any one of the three Mayors concerned, it would fail to become a law, as the Legislature would not be in session, probably, to pass it over their veto.

The opposition to the Greater New-York bill have been working hard, and its friends should be warned that it is in danger of defeat. This would postpone for at least a year the adoption of a charter for Greater New-York.